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Publication No. Publication Date Inventor

1. US 3950111 4-12-1976 Churchwell

2. DE 94 14 659.4 9-9-1994

Durr Prazizionswerkzeuge

3. GB 1 592 727 3-23-1978

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- B. Copies of the patents and literature are included herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98.
  - C. Explanation of Relevance pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98.
- US 3950111 issued 4-12-1976 to Churchwell discloses a stud remover. 4.
- DE G. 94 14 659.4 filed 9-9-1994, patentee Durr Prazizionswerkzeuge, disclose a 5. multiple stage bit with separate stages.
- GB 1 592 727 issued 3-23-1978 to Jerome discloses improvements to drilling 6. tools.

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